IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Lasse L. HESSEL et al. Confirmation No. 7795

Application No.: 10/773,697 Group Art Unit: 3679

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COUPLING FOR COUPLING TWO For:

DEVICES AND METHOD FOR USING

THE COUPLING

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for responding to the office action dated November 3, 2006, be extended for a period of two (2) months from February 3, 2007, the date now set, to and including April 3, 2007.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$225 (small entity). Please charge the required fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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